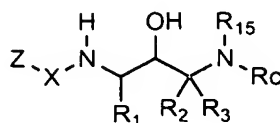


**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to compounds of formula (I):



(I)

useful in treating Alzheimer's disease and other similar diseases. These compounds include inhibitors of the beta-secretase enzyme that are useful in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other diseases characterized by deposition of A beta peptide in a mammal. The compounds of the invention are also useful in pharmaceutical compositions and methods of treatment to reduce A beta peptide formation.

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